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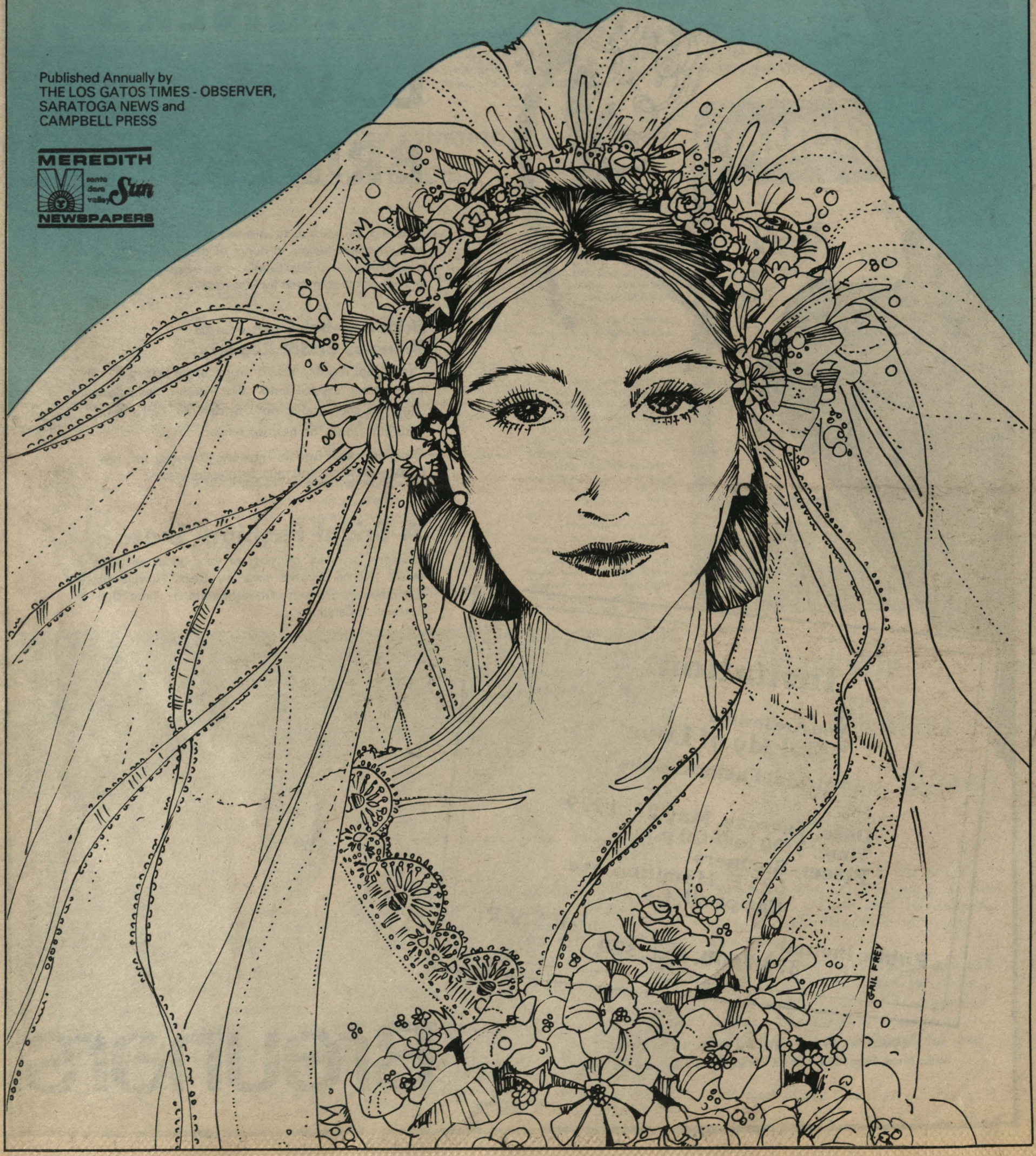

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Second time around still gala occasion

Divorce is not unusual today and people who have been divorced often remarry. This second wedding ceremony may be a gala event since the couple may want to share its newly-found happiness with friends and family.

A woman who has been widowed or divorced can wear a long, white gown to her second wedding if she chooses to do so, say the experts. Women who are brides for the second time, however, usually wear a pastel-colored gown at the second wedding. The groom may also dress formally for a large wedding and the children of the bride and/or groom often participate in the ceremony.

Guests to a "second" ceremony should dress according to the time and location of the wedding, etiquette dictates. Formal clothes are recommended for a formal wedding. If weddings guests are friends of both the bride and the groom, they can sit on either side of the church or room where the wedding is being held. If they are friends of just one member of the wedding, they sit on the appropriate side, bride's friends and family to the right, groom's to the left.

Although it is unlikely that the bride will register for china, silver or crystal for her second marriage, guests are not out of line to bring or send gifts. The newlywed couple will still appreciate and use gifts for their home.

Wedding guests are also cautioned not to be surprised if the former spouse of the bride or groom is present at the wedding. Former in-laws or relatives may also be invited if they have remained friendly with the divorced wife or husband after the original marriage was dissolved.

Whether the wedding is the first for the couple or not, wedding guests can rejoice with the newlyweds and hope that this time they have really found happiness with each other.

Wedding Customs

In some countries a man's father-in-law gets presents on his daughter's wedding day. Trobriand Island bridegrooms present their new fathers-in-law with coconuts and canoes in exchange for puddings and hand-woven mats and napkins from the family of the bride.

But if it seems to you that the Trobriand fiance comes out on the short end of the wifely trade, pity the poor Fiji Islander: during a certain season, he must give his father — and anyone else, for that matter — anything requested!

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Religious meaning of matrimony common, ceremonies differ among world's faiths

The religious significance of marriage is celebrated by practically all faiths. The length, style and symbolism differs, but the wedding ceremony itself is the universal focal point.

Briefly, three religions and their respective rites include the following:

PROTESTANT — A minister presides at the altar before the congregation, and sometimes offers a short sermon prior to the marriage. The bride and groom exchange vows and the ring is given before the pronouncement of marriage is made. There are variations.

ROMAN CATHOLIC—The marriage ceremony is conducted optionally during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by a priest. (Prior to 1964, the Mass followed the ceremony). The bride and groom kneel at the altar and exchange vows and both receive Holy Communion. The priest offers prayers and blessings to the couple during the Mass.

JEWISH — The couple is married under a special canopy. A rabbi offers a series of special prayers and later blesses wine for both the bride and groom to drink. Vows are exchanged and the ring ceremony is held, and at the end of the rite an empty wine glass is smashed by the groom with his foot.

Knowledge of the different ceremonies is helpful to people who attend weddings of friends who are not of the same faith.

Despite the many differing ways faiths solemnize the exchange of vows, all religions recognize a basic theme of love underlying wedding ceremonies.

December's Bareness

How like a winter hath my absence been
From thee, the pleasure of the fleeting year!
What freezings have I felt! What dark days seen!
What old December's bareness everywhere!

— From William Shakespeare's Sonnet 97

Best man busiest on wedding day

Probably the busiest person on the day of the wedding is the best man. The groom has only to appear. The best man has a full day ahead of him. His duties are many indeed including the following:

- **Helping the groom dress and waiting with him in the vestry.**
- **Giving the clergyman his fee.**
- **Getting the wedding party off to the reception.**
- **Making the first toast to the bride and groom.**
- **Dancing with the bride after she's danced with her father-in-law.**
- **Collecting the groom's wedding attire and checking to see that he has all the necessary honeymoon tickets and reservations.**
- **Getting the newlyweds' luggage into the hidden getaway car.**
- **Finally, sending the bride's parents a thank-you telegram for the reception in the groom's name.**

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Jewelry is treasured gift for wedding party VIPs

Next to the bride and groom, the most important "members of the wedding" are the favorite relatives and closest friends the bride and groom choose to make up their wedding party, reports the Jewelry Industry Council.

And for such a special occasion, the bride and groom express their sentiments and appreciation with a warm thank-you note and a gift. The bride chooses mementos for her maid of honor, bridesmaids, and flower girl. The groom expresses his thanks to his best man, ushers, and page with suitable gifts also.

What to give to accompany the thank-you note from the wedded couple needn't be a problem, the Council advises, reminding the young couple that jewelry stores carry a wide selection of items specifically suited for wedding-party gifts.

A bride can select a strand of lovely cultured pearls, or a birthstone ring for her maid of honor. Matching pin and earrings make another ideal gift suggestion, as do fashion watches or pins in gold or silver. As for the bridesmaids, it is traditional to choose the same gift for each, and that might be a charm bracelet with a heart charm to commemorate the occasion, earrings, gold-filled bracelets or stone pins. The flower girl will delight in a sterling silver barrette, a gold-filled locket or baby bangle bracelet.

The groom — who may like his bride to help him select gifts for his attendants — could give his best man an initial ring or birthstone ring, karat-gold or sterling-silver tie bar, cuff links or tie tac, or an engraved lighter, or even an engraved pen and pencil set.

The groom might choose such wedding mementos for his ushers as money clips, initialed silver key chains, belt buckles initialed or engraved, or engraved ident bracelets and gold-filled pendants. As with the bridesmaids, the same gift is usually given all the ushers. The groom's page might be given a brush and comb set or religious jewelry.

Gifts from the groom to his ushers and page are usually made at the rehearsal dinner or bachelor dinner, while the bride gives her presents at the wedding rehearsal dinner or maids' luncheon or trousseau tea, or just before leaving for the ceremony, the Jewelry Industry Council notes.

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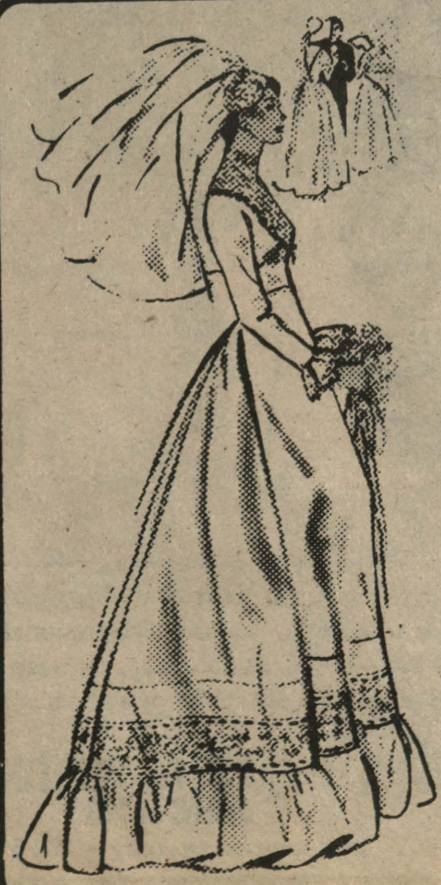

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Perhaps it really doesn't matter where you spend your honeymoon, as long as the two of you are together. And a bride enjoys planning her honeymoon trousseau.

A resort at the shore has much in its favor. Depending on the season, it might be a Caribbean island, or Mexico.

And dinner and dancing whether in the hotel dining room or somewhere more exotic, gives one the excuse to wear a long dress.

Today's Bride

Today's bride has a sophistication about clothes. Tradition has its place — and most girls opt for it in the wedding gown. But a "going-away suit" with an orchid pinned to the lapel is not in keeping with the bride of the Seventies. She's more likely to board the plane wearing something she'll wear at the resort — like well-cut pants.

With them she'll wear a shirt or turtleneck — and perhaps a coat that will cope with sudden showers as well as sea breezes. Sears new tablecloth checked cotton pantscoat would be great. In red or black checked with white, belted, and boasting trench coat features, it would be great with white pants.

Even if a gal isn't a sailing addict, she can wear sailor clothes. Red, white and navy are the year's color favorites. Wear a middy and bell bottom pants. Top it off with a real gob hat . . . and your mate will salute you! Middies or blazers with white pleated skirts are fun, too — and just as wearable when you're back at work.

Or assemble your own gear to show your new life partner how ingenious you are. Start with a bodysuit . . . unadorned, or perhaps sailor-collared. Add a tank top . . . and a cluster of enameled pins in the shape of stars, anchors, ships.

It's Up to You

You can find these shapes as pendants on chains, too . . . or as earrings or barrettes. A brief pantskirt . . . try anchoring that! . . . And deck shoes or espadrilles. You've got the idea . . . now take it from there.

Plan on more than one swimsuit. It's such a drag waiting for your only suit to dry, when you're dying to get out and work on your suntan. Why not a one-piece and a bikini?

Even a one-piece suit can give the message that, this year, "bare is beautiful." Some have swooping low backs, a deceptively demure suit is string tied at strategic spots to camouflage a deep slash in front. Prints are newest . . . and fruits, flowers and animal-skin are the newest of all.

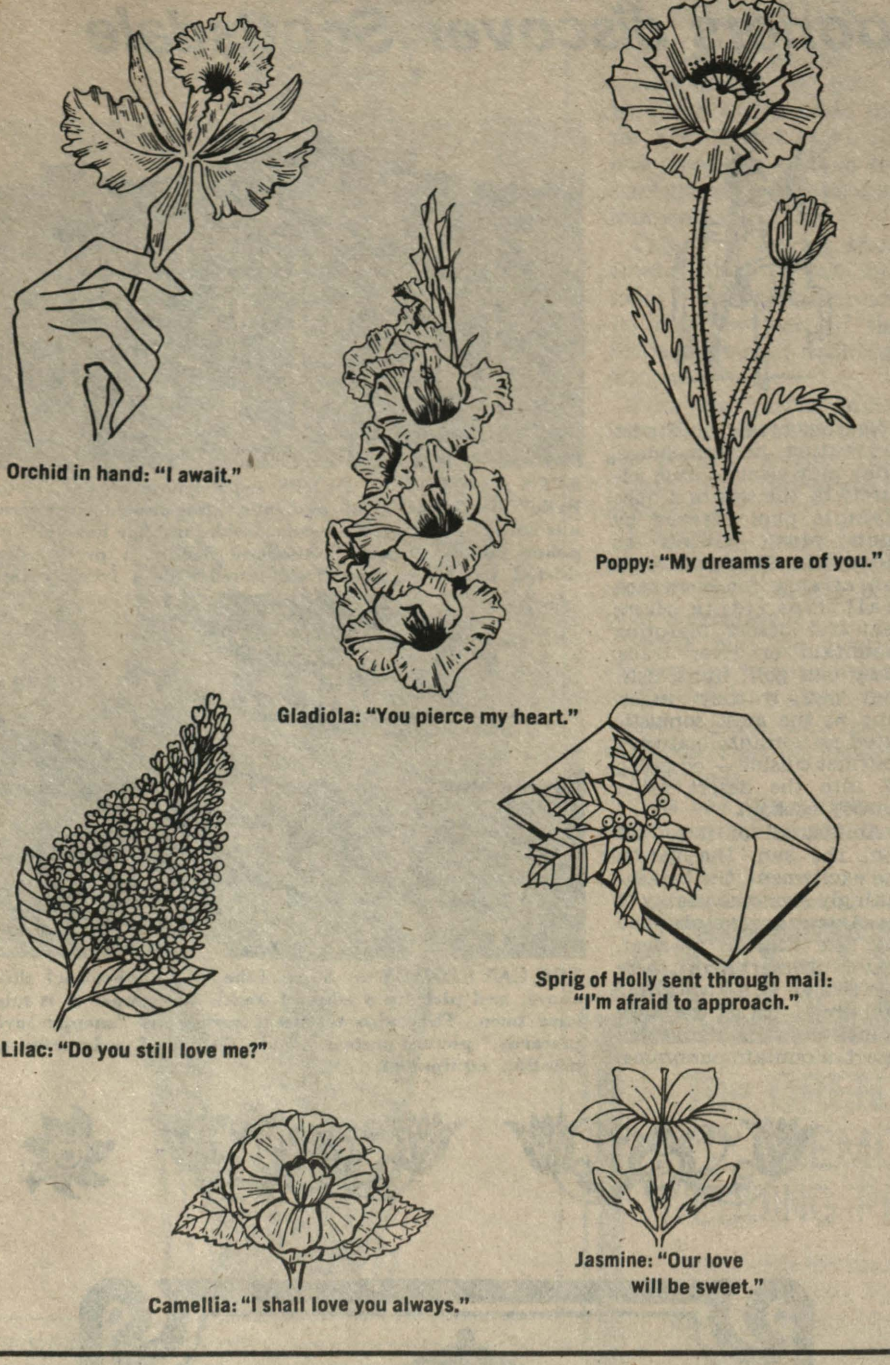
Nocturnal Glamour

After dark is the time for glamour. Clingy BanLon is a good choice . . . it needs no pampering . . . and whether your choice is a splashy print or a dramatic black, the effect is smashing. BanLon lends itself to the new vogue for body dressing, too.

A sleek bodysuit and an ankle-length skirt will look great. Better still — why not take *two* bodysuits in different colors — and *two* skirts to wear with either?

Another dinner-and-dancing idea is a printed cotton knit halter-necked to display your suntanned back and shoulders . . . and its ankle length gives it glamour status.

The "mini maxi" message here is: Mini investment . . . maxi impact.


Orchid in hand: "I await."
Poppy: "My dreams are of you."
Gladiola: "You pierce my heart."
Sprig of Holly sent through mail: "I'm afraid to approach."
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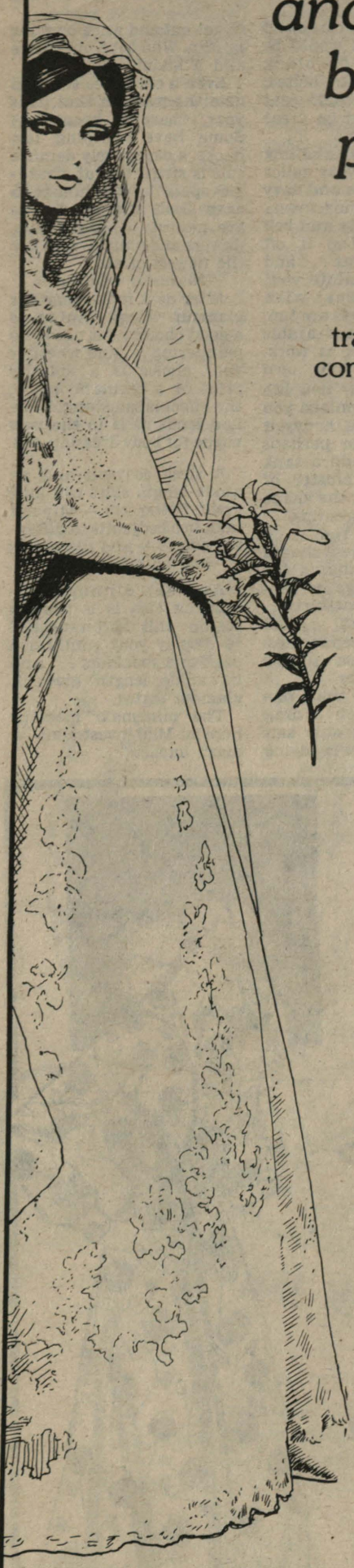

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Honeymooners discover Scottsdale

Arizona for a honeymoon? Why not? More and more newlyweds are discovering the excitement, the fun and sun of the Great Southwest. Scottsdale, in particular, offers honeymooners almost everything and more of it. It's all wrapped up with a big bow and tagged, "welcome."

There's more sun, more fun, more excitement, more atmosphere and it's offered in a marvelously friendly way that invites one and all to visit, to admire, to enjoy the natural and man-made splendor so accessible in Scottsdale.

The moods of Scottsdale are many. It can be a whirlwind of excitement and gaiety, festivities, frolicking or it can be a beautiful, quiet mountain road, a breathtakingly beautiful silent sunset . . . a cowboy cookout around a glowing fire. It can be sophisticated or downright folksy, homespun.

Located a few miles south of Phoenix, twenty years ago it was a small dot on the map. The local post office listed approximately 400 residents, and cattle roamed the streets at the edge of town.

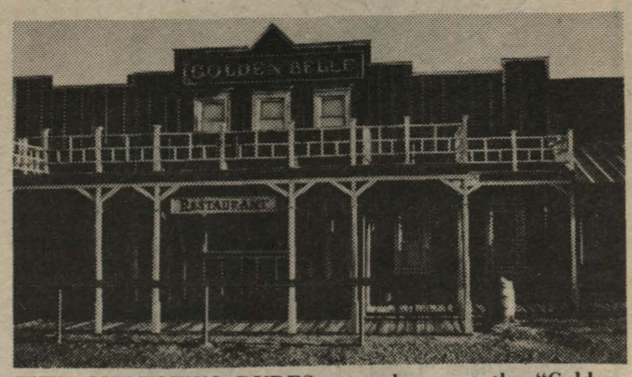
The few small shops with western facade might have been rented from a television studio and one expected, momentarily, to see a film crew roll down main street to start grinding out footage.

Guests at hotels in Phoenix and at the few inns in towns like Camelback and Casa Blanca began to drop in to absorb western atmosphere. They were delighted to find real, live Indians doing sand painting on the floor of the local pharmacy. Cowboys astride working horses were more plentiful than automobiles and the whole thing seemed unreal.

Hotels and resorts were attracted to the area and today, Scottsdale has catapulted from relative obscurity to a most important place in the valley of the Sun. More than 20 elegant resorts offer a variety of accommodations. Plus, luxurious spots like Camelback Inn or Mountain Shadows await the visitor. There are inexpensive trailer camps, motels and dude ranches all designed to suit the mood and the pocketbook.

Seasons create no barrier to visiting honeymooners. They may elect to bask leisurely by the side of a huge olympic pool offered by such plush motels as Mountain Shadows, they can arrange for horseback trail trips riding along beautiful desert featuring mountain or river trails. They can golf, hunt, fish; they can, if they prefer, dine at the most sophisticated restaurants featuring gourmet cuisine — or gallop off into the desert for a cowboy cookout.

Amidst all of it — the fun, the sun, the gaiety, the excitement, the breathtakingly awesome beauty of an Arizona star-studded sky, the stillness of clear, beautiful desert night, there is always the romantic backdrop — to set the stage beautifully — of a sweeping desert-mountain panorama.



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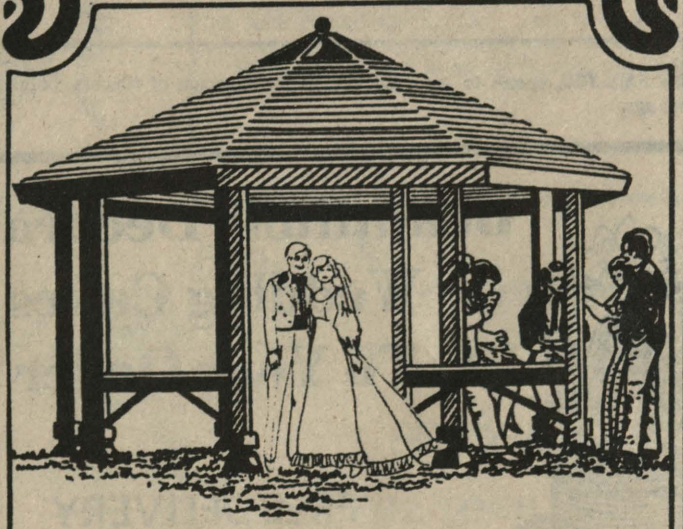

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THE BRIDEGROOM WORE BLUE, society pages are apt to report this year, as more and more grooms and attendants are opting for tuxedos in pastel blue, green, rose or yellow hues, accented with fancy print vests.

Grooms Bloom At Weddings

It used to be that the groom served as just a backdrop to the bride but the new formal looks for men have him right in the spotlight, along with his best man and ushers.

Colors — varying from powder blues to rich maroons — are making the men an important part of the fashion picture at weddings this year.

Print vests, velvet trims, bow ties, and ruffled shirts are popular accents this season for the stylish bridegroom.

Silhouettes may range from the shaped one-button coat to the cutaway but color is everywhere.

Shirts may be subtly shaded or white with touches of color about the ruffles; pipings, bow ties, and lapels echo color themes in many suits.

Vests and cummerbunds help to get it all together for the groom.

Leave it to The French...

We can thank a French baker for the tiered wedding cake that's so popular today. Originally, wedding cakes were a thin layer, broken over the bride's head by Roman celebrants to ensure a life of plenty.

Later on, the English piled small cakes in the center of a table, over which the bride and groom kissed. It was only a matter of time before someone gathered all the small cakes into one large cake and *voila!*

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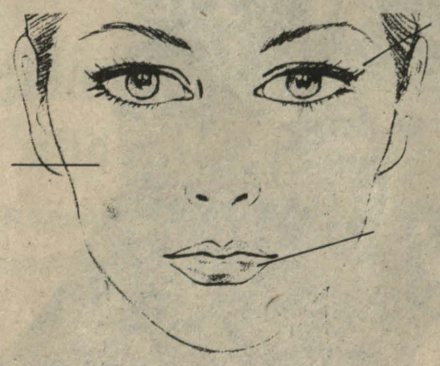

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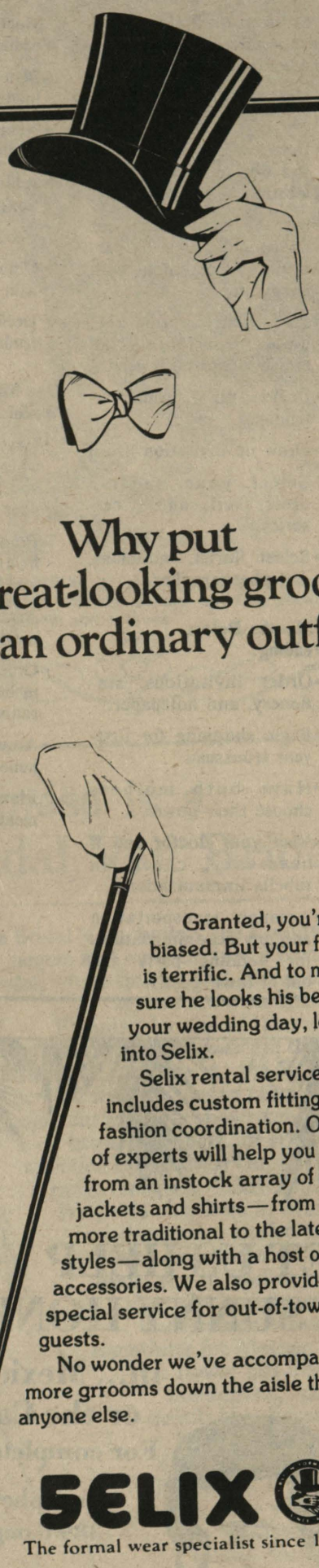

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Most brides find planning their wedding both exciting and complicated.

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- Set the date with your fiance and decide on particulars of ceremony with clergyman.
- Plan your reception and, if possible, arrange for all the services you'll need.
- Decide upon bridal attendants.
- Draw up invitation list.
- Select your wedding dress, veil, and accessories.
- Select florist, musicians, and photographer.

3 Months Before Wedding:

- Order invitations, stationery, and notepaper.
- Begin shopping for first-year trousseau.
- Have both mothers choose their gowns.
- Visit your doctor and if necessary, check on rubella immunization.
- Arrange transportation and any accommodations for wedding party and out-of-town guests.

2 Months Before Wedding:

- Plan rehearsal dinner and invite bridal party.
- Arrange recording and display of wedding gifts.
- Address wedding invitations.
- Choose wedding ring.
- Obtain marriage license with fiance.
- Decide upon and order attendant's gifts.

One Month Before Wedding:

- Have hair styled as you would for your wedding and have final fitting on your wedding gown.
- Prepare newspaper announcement of your wedding.
- Arrange fittings of bridesmaids' gowns.
- Order wedding cake if not included in other preparations.
- Attend parties in your honor.
- Plan seating arrangements.

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AN IDYLLIC HONEYMOON SPOT is waiting to be discovered along the Oregon coastline. Hiking trails such as this one in Ecola State Park feature spectacular views of rocky formations bordering the beach and providing natural homes for a vast assortment of marine life. Park is located approximately 20 miles south of Astoria on U.S. Highway 101; further to the south, Cannon Beach is perfect for beachcombing and sunbathing. (Photo, courtesy Oregon Department of Transportation.)

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'Shall I Compare Thee'

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd:
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd:
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall Death brag thou wand'rest in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st;
So long as men can breath or eyes can see,
So long lives this and this gives life to thee.

— William Shakespeare, Sonnet 18

Candid photos preserve memories

Your wedding day is one of the happiest and most memorable days of your life. And, you can preserve every joyous moment in professional wedding candid photos.

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Professional wedding candids preserve the festivities and realities of the occasion. Wedding candids range from photos of the bride's dressing room preparations to the newlywed's first dance as Mr. and Mrs. to their departure for the honeymoon. They can include special and unexpected moments during the reception, too.

Remember to make an appointment with your professional photographer as soon as your wedding date is set. You will want to discuss with him the types of photographs to be taken, the locale of the wedding so he can be prepared with appropriate film and equipment, and the sizes and styles of various wedding albums — the ones for you, your parents and in-laws. Your photographer is experienced in these matters and can answer any questions you may have.

It's a good idea to list all important friends and relatives for the photographer so he can be sure to include them as he photographs. Ask a member of the bridal party to act as his assistant and point out all of these special people so that favorite aunts and uncles aren't accidentally overlooked.

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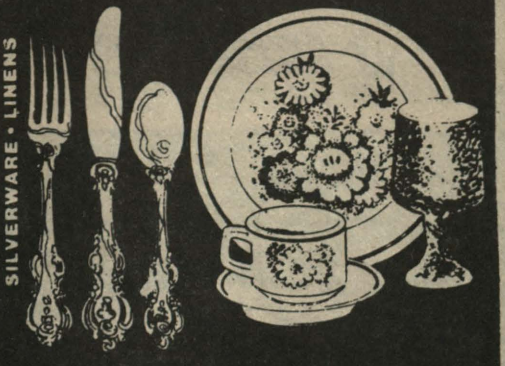

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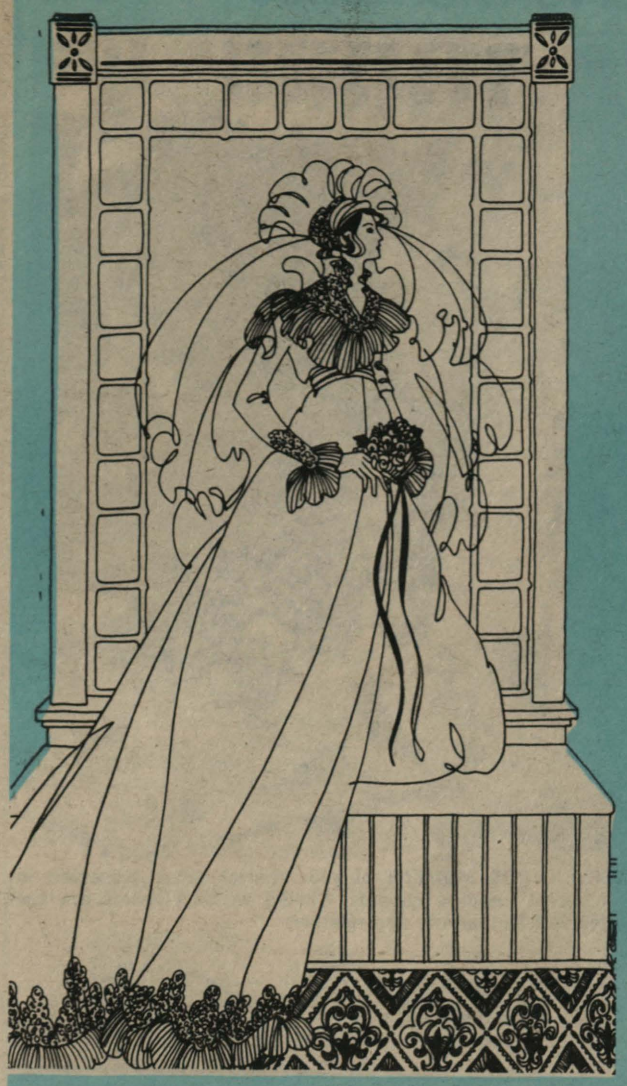

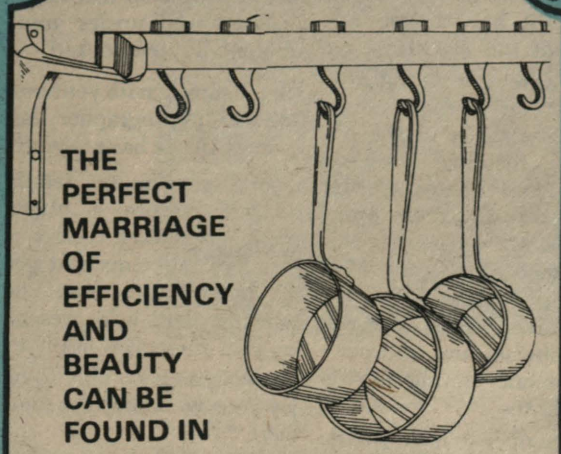

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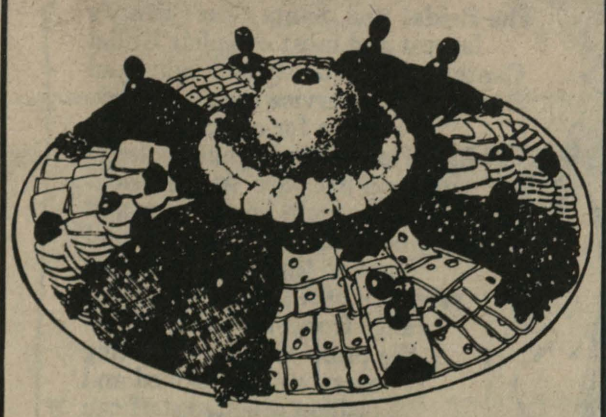

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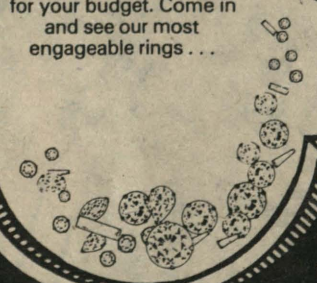

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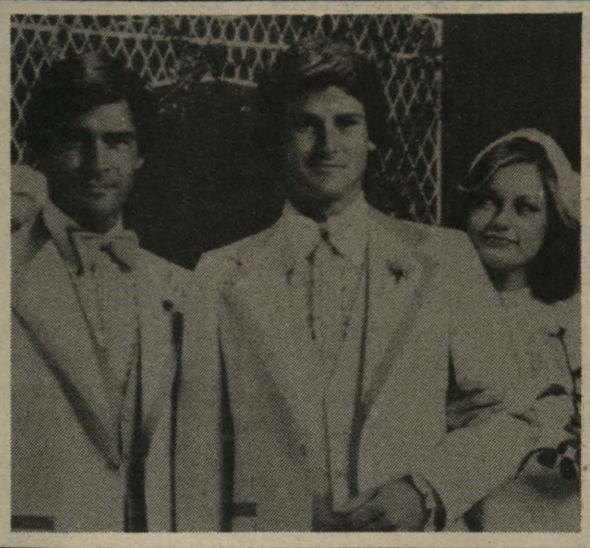

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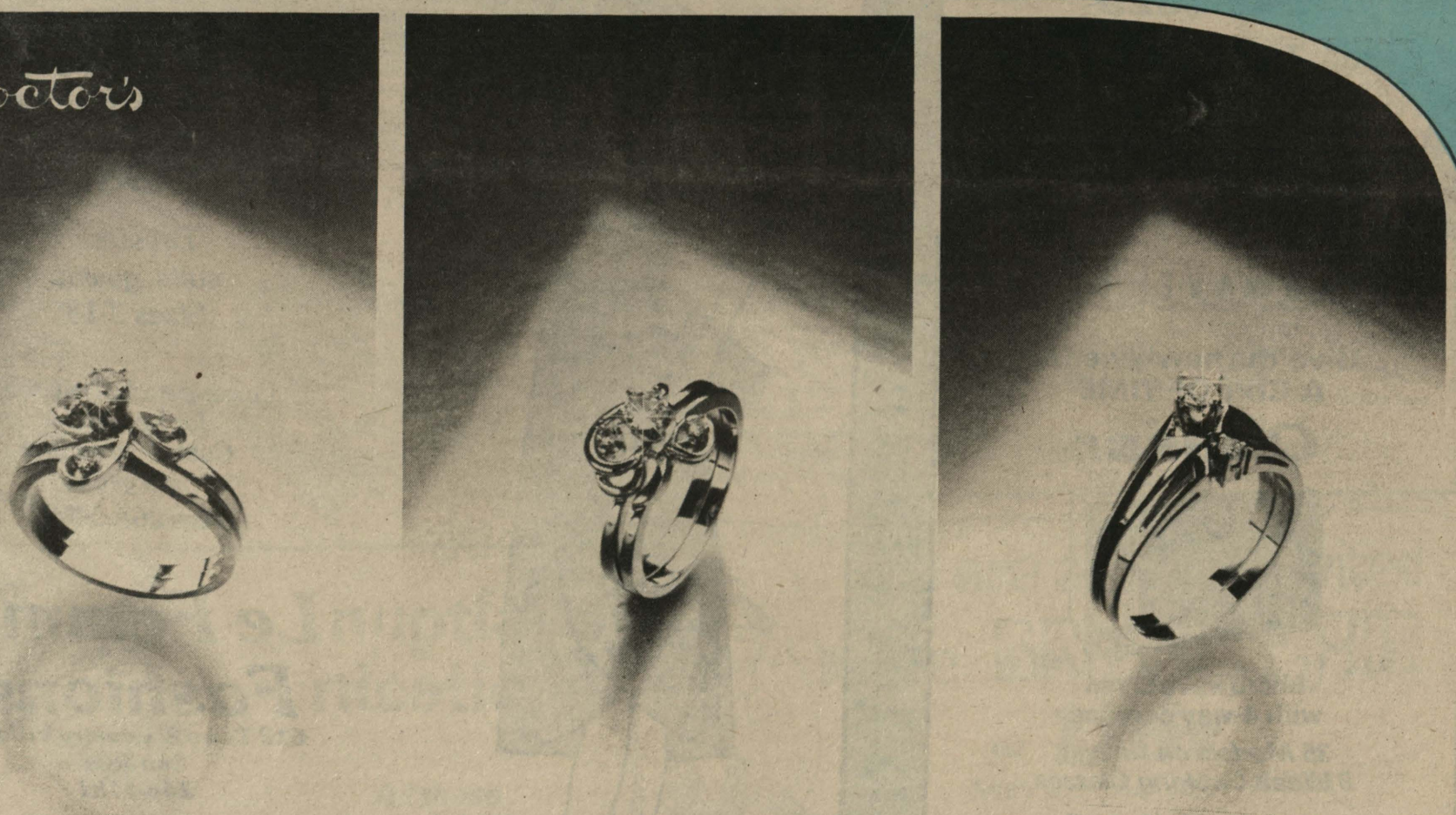

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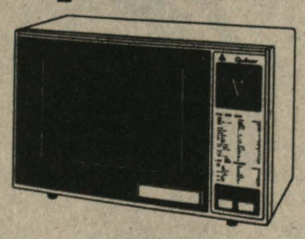

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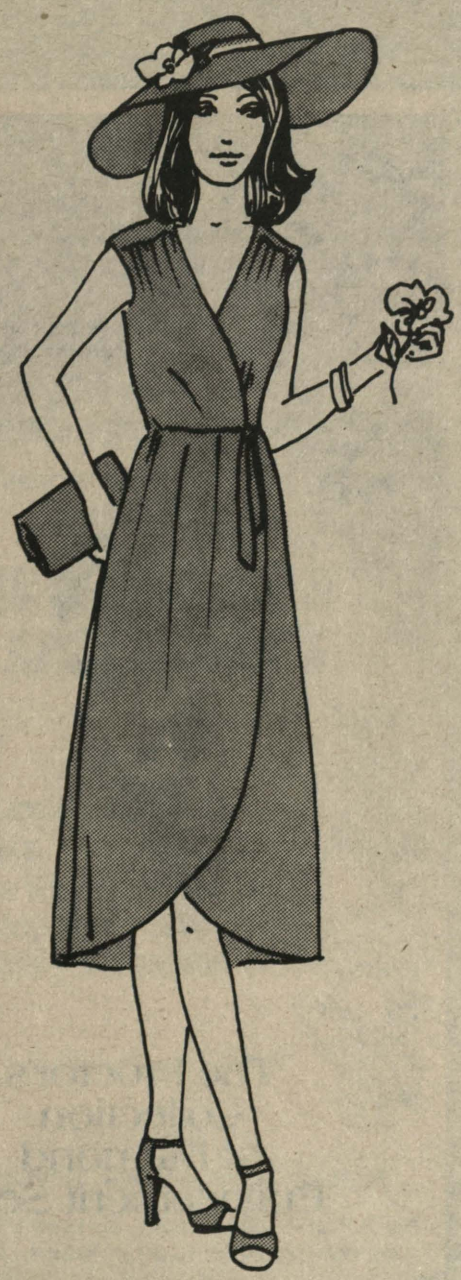

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Nostalgia plays role in new silver styles

Nostalgia for the past plays a big role in fashion these days. There are the high-heeled, ankle-strapped shoes of the forties, the soft, clingy fabrics of the thirties, the turn-of-the-century middies.

Fashion has a way of reflecting a country's mood — and the current nostalgic longing for a more leisurely, and perhaps more elegant, time is seen as well in other areas of living.

Despite the "new life styles" of young people, one bridal magazine reports that sales of traditional wedding gowns are at an all-time high. And long before the bride moves into her new home, she's likely to start acquiring tableware which she'll use for "special occasion" meals.

Seek Sterling

It's no wonder that beautiful things such as sterling silver are so sought after by today's bride, who is better educated, and perhaps more knowledgeable about furnishings and accessories for her home, than any of her predecessors. She's aware, of course, of sterling's "rightness" for special occasions. But there's a deeper, psychic satisfaction in owning sterling.

She knows that sterling silver is "the real thing" — that it's guaranteed by law to be solid silver through and through, and that the metal's great value demands the highest craftsmanship. The very fact of sterling's genuineness and craftsmanship has an overwhelming appeal for young women who have grown up in an age of mass-produced items.

Set For Occasion

Today's bride is more than likely to set up housekeeping with two sets of flatware. She uses her everyday set for breakfast and lunch, and saves her sterling for those candlelit, romantic suppers with her husband, and the times when she entertains friends and relatives.

And with so many of these occasions coming up, she needs to have as adequate a set as possible by the time of her marriage.

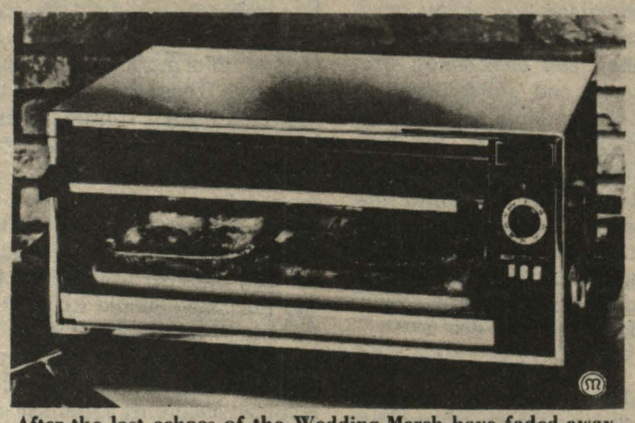
How does the bride-to-be go about collecting her sterling? Her parents are often her best allies, and they may present her with the basic place settings she needs when she becomes engaged. When she registers these pieces at the bridal gift registry of the store where she chooses her pattern, other gift-givers are more likely to help fill in her set with the serving pieces and other place pieces she needs.

If the bride-to-be holds a job before her marriage, as is often the case, she may purchase some pieces for herself. She may get several dessert or salad forks and teaspoons, for this duo can be used for a dessert buffet or simple casserole supper.

Solves Gift Problems

Relatives might want to add to her set after her marriage, as well, with single pieces of sterling as gifts at birthday or holiday time. Additional excellent gift possibilities are "place-setting pairs," such as the place spoon and place fork, or the spreader and teaspoon.

Sterling silver is so lastingly lovely, yet so usefully essential, that it's likely to be the most precious possession the bride takes with her to begin married life. And now, more than ever, it becomes the symbol of the gracious and hospitable way of life which every young couple values.



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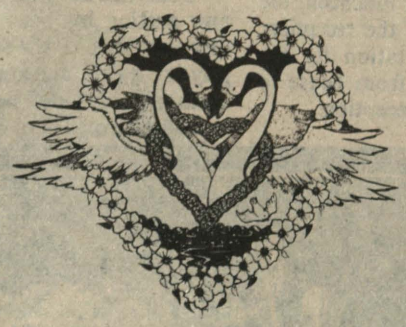


Today's bride values sterling because it's "the real thing." She knows it's solid silver through and through, and she appreciates the great craftsmanship which is evident in every shining piece.

The Care and Feeding Of Silverware

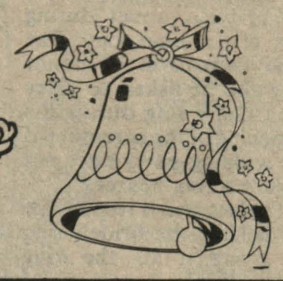
If you've received sterling or silverplate for wedding gifts, you don't have to be told how lucky you are! But you may want to be told about keeping that silver looking its loveliest.

Experts recommend the daily use and care of silverware to keep it at its best.

When cleaning silver, first wash it in hot, soapy water with a mild liquid soap.

Polish and clean with a special silver-cleaning compound and then rinse silver immediately in very hot water.

Dry silver thoroughly with a clean, soft cloth. Sterling should be wrapped and stored in cloth holders made especially for this purpose.



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The Members of the Wedding: Both Ornamental and Helpful

The best man and the maid or matron of honor are the traditional "witnesses" to the marriage ceremony. As such, both are asked to sign the marriage certificate.

However, these important members of the wedding party, along with the ushers and bridesmaids, have other responsibilities on the day of the wedding.

The bridesmaids have the least to do. They usually precede the bride in the processional and stand to the side, looking lovely. The maid or matron of honor, however, helps the bride adjust her veil (if she is wearing one which covers her face) and usually holds the bride's bouquet during part of the ceremony. The maid or matron of honor may also be asked to carry the groom's ring during the beginning of the ceremony if the wedding party does not include a ring bearer.

The best man is responsible for holding the bride's ring or giving it to the ring bearer. He also accompanies the groom to the wedding and helps him with other arrangements. The best man may be asked to pay the clergyman (for the groom) and help the newlyweds with their luggage and transportation after the wedding. He also sees that members of the wedding party leave in the proper cars after the wedding ceremony if the reception is to be held in a different location.

Ushers escort wedding guests to their seats, each usher offering his right arm to the ladies. They may escort the mother and/or grandmother of the bride and groom down the aisle at the beginning of the ceremony. During the recessional, ushers often walk out with the bridesmaids.

Tradition has created a place for these members of the wedding party which is still followed in formal weddings. The rehearsal prior to the wedding was designed to show members of the wedding what they are to do during the ceremony. In informal weddings, ushers and bridesmaids may not be necessary, however.

Diamonds: sentimental investment

Diamonds: The Ultimate Sentimental Investment
By KATE WALKER

Your diamond engagement ring will probably not be the largest monetary investment of your lives, but it will surely be one of the most sentimental.

In purchasing the diamond for your ring, you have the opportunity to make a sound financial investment if you will take just a little time to explore the possibilities of diamonds as investments and examine your alternatives in the purchasing of a diamond ring.

When you go into a jewelry store to look at diamond rings, you will naturally be looking for a ring that you find artistically satisfying whether it be a simple Tiffany mounting or a more elaborate setting. Your other most important consideration will be price.

The price of diamonds sold through retail jewelry stores can range from slightly above market price to a whopping 100 percent - 30 percent retail mark-up. For this kind of money you had better find out what you are getting. Interestingly enough the lower quality diamonds, usually found already mounted, suffer greater mark-up than investment grade diamonds whether loose or mounted.

If you are in a position to spend at least $3000 on your diamond engagement ring, you may want to seriously consider shopping for an investment grade diamond which will appreciate at a higher and faster rate than the regular jewelry grade diamond.

So how can you know what you are getting?

FOUR "C's"

The range in quality and cost of diamonds depends on four factors, referred to as The Four "C's": carat (weight), color (actually the standard is absence of color), clarity (freedom from flaws and inclusions), and cut (the finished proportions of the stone as compared with the ideal standard).

A fifth "C", certificate, is the key to understanding the quality of your diamond in terms of The Four "C's". Even a small variation in any one of The Four "C's" can mean a substantial difference in the price of investment grade diamonds (which incidentally make up only about two percent of all gem diamonds on the market).

When purchasing this quality diamond you should insist on a certificate from one of the independent grading laboratories which are non-profit organizations whose work is not directly tied to the buying and selling of diamonds and who can therefore offer objective information about the true quality of your diamond. These labs are the Gemological Institute of America (GIA), United States Gemological Services, Inc. (USGSI), and European Gemological Laboratories (EGL).

INFLATION

Anyone interested in purchasing diamonds as jewelry but also interested in the investment aspect of the purchase should know that diamonds in the last decade have proven to be the ultimate investment and hedge against inflation appreciating over 500 percent! In the same ten year period stocks and bonds have realized an almost 50 percent decline in real value.

The more comparative shopping you can do, the more opportunity you have to make the soundest investment. You are likely to find that you can get the most for your money by purchasing your diamonds from a reputable diamond broker who can offer top quality diamonds with GIA, USGSI, or EGL certificates at prices only slightly above wholesale.

Your dazzling investment can then be mounted in any setting by your jeweler. In this way you may discover that for the same amount money as you would pay for a ring in a retail store, you have a diamond of equal size, greater beauty and brilliance, and a more sensible investment that you can be proud of.

WEDDING COSTS: WHO PAYS THEM?

Tradition has it that wedding expenses are shared among the bride, the groom and the bride's family. Who pays for what?

The groom's wedding ring and wedding gift are the bride's responsibility, in addition to the presents for her attendants, accommodations for out-of-town attendants, her personal stationery and her medical exam.

The groom pays for the marriage license, his medical exam, the bride's wedding and engagement bouquets and going-away corsage, wedding party boutonnieres, flowers for both mothers, gloves, ascots or ties for the men in the wedding, gifts and accommodations for the best man and ushers, the fee for the clergyman and the wedding trip.

The bride's family shoulders many of the costs, including the bride's wedding attire and trousseau, invitations and announcements, photographs, church rental fee, the costs of the organist, soloist and sexton, aisle carpeting, flowers for the church, the bridesmaids' bouquets and luncheon, the entire cost of the reception, and transportation for the bridal party from house to church and reception.

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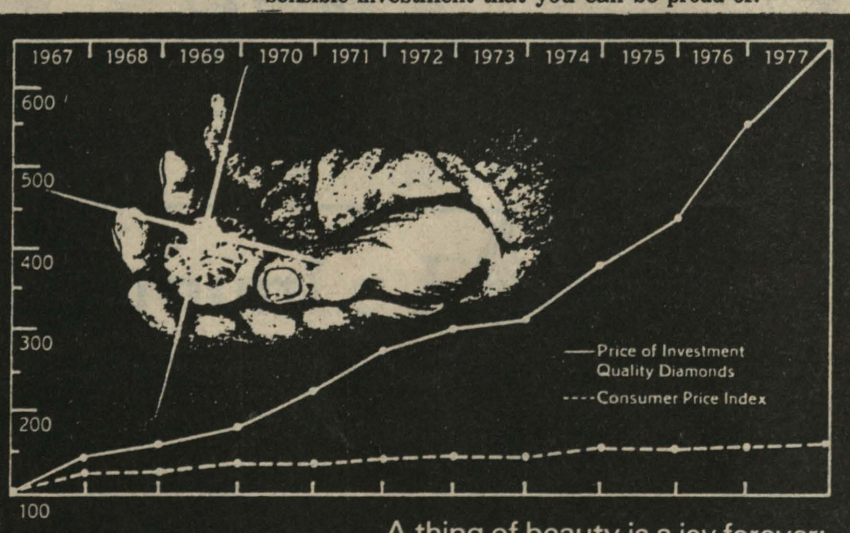

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ENGAGING STYLE

More couples design rings

By REBECCA CASARES
Copley News Service

LOS ANGELES — Diamonds, as a girl's best friend, rapidly may be becoming passe.

In their place, garnets, rubies, emeralds, and seaweed and bark textures are heralded as the new measures of love.

The traditional solitaire diamond engagement ring came into vogue in the 1920s along with white gold. It replaced the plain gold bands that American brides had been wearing.

This tradition has been refined over the years to the utmost in matching sets, swirling, curving, interlocking bands, and has switched from white to yellow gold.

Traditional brides of the 1970s still select a variation of this theme from the plentiful styles available at commercial jewelry stores.

In an effort to not conform, more brides (and grooms) are frequenting custom jewelry makers, designing their own rings or selecting a design of the jewelry that is one of a kind.

"We get to express ourselves so little in this world," said jeweler Susan Owen. "A wedding ring is something you plan to wear the rest of your life."

More and more couples are selecting rings that they know no one else will have, Owen says.

While more people think custom-made rings are a more personal expression of their personality, the majority of brides prefer traditional diamond rings according to local jewelers.

"I think every girl wants a diamond ring," said Ron Cahill, another jeweler. "A diamond is still the measure of a gentleman's love."

A gentleman's love notwithstanding, women are now buying fancier rings and sometimes diamonds for their husbands-to-be.

"Twenty-five years ago every man wore a plain band," Cahill said. "Now men are becoming more style-conscious."

Jack Allen offers a full selection of commercial stock as well as specializing in custom work. Custom-designed rings are chosen by only 10 to 15 per cent of the brides, Allen says, but that is a significant increase over 10 years ago.

"Wedding rings haven't changed as much as people think," Allen said.

"Except for a new swirl here, or a curve here, designers are doing the same thing they've been doing for 30 years."

The biggest change in wedding ring fashion was from white gold, which was popular 25 years ago, to yellow gold.

The custom-made rings often have different colored stones, different textures in the bands such as seaweed and bark and often have personal themes.

"A forest ranger came in here and wanted a bear, a deer and a pine tree on his band," Owen said. "It was a beautiful ring."

Some brides reject commercial rings and prefer to wear a ring that belonged to their grandmother, or their groom's grandmother.

Often jewelers are asked to design a ring that looks antique, or the bride will select something that looks antique.

Debra Borich, a bride-to-be who plans to design her own bands, said, "I just didn't want something someone else had. Besides, we want matching bands."

Matching wedding rings are another modern development in weddings. Rose Jaffe, a wedding consultant, says that young couples are just more considerate of each other these days.

"They pick out something for both of them," Jaffe said. "Usually couples 25 or older prefer nontraditional rings if they can afford them.

"I've been married 22 years and we just bought new rings. Mine has roses, because of my name."

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There was a time when bridal showers followed one theme: gifts for the household. Friends of the bride were limited to buying items for the kitchen, bedroom or bath — conglomerately or individually. It was just a matter of what color of sheets or towels to buy, which kitchen electrics the couple needed, etc.

Today, more and more young people wait until they have a year or so of being on their own before getting married, and many have already acquired most of the home equipment they need. Consequently, modern shower-planning is much more fun, as themes switch to focus on the personal interests of the couple.

Here are a few ideas, if you're planning a shower in the near future:

How about a literary shower? Setting up a home library can be an expensive venture, and you'll be doing the bride and groom (and possibly their kids) a big favor. Books are lasting gifts that serve as tokens of your good wishes for years to come. Plan the shower any way you want. Everyone can give one volume of a set of books, like an encyclopedia. Or each person can present the bride-to-be with a copy of her favorite work. Or you can suggest a subject for the books to be given: cookbooks, art books, game books, etc.

Along the same lines, a musical shower might be a good idea, depending on the interests of the couple about to be married. You can ask everyone to bring records — jazz, classical, humorous or rock. You may want to try a Bach or Beethoven shower, complete with books, records, posters, etc. If you know that the couple is planning a trip to a foreign country, or has an interest in a particular culture, you might want to give language-learning records and tapes.

A shower centered around art offers a lot of variety, and a great chance for friends to give really personal kinds of gifts — paintings, prints, posters and sculptures — that will add interesting touches to the new couple's apartment or home.

If the couple is big on doing-it-themselves, you can help them along by theming your shower with do-it-yourself gifts — packages you put together on your own, or buy prepackaged for things like rugs, wall hangings, pillows,

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New furniture trends come to newlyweds

After the perfect wedding and honeymoon, the happy young couple will begin their life together in earnest, and chances are, it'll be in an apartment or a small home.

How to make a limited area (and budget!) reflect the young couple's good taste, is a dilemma that can be solved with ingenuity and awareness of the latest furniture looks available.

To keep small areas from looking crowded, furniture pieces should be chosen wisely, with an eye to versatility. That cocktail table, for instance, can also function as a low buffet table or a storage island. Or, a drop-leaf cart table can be wheeled in from its place in the kitchen to become a dining table in the living room.

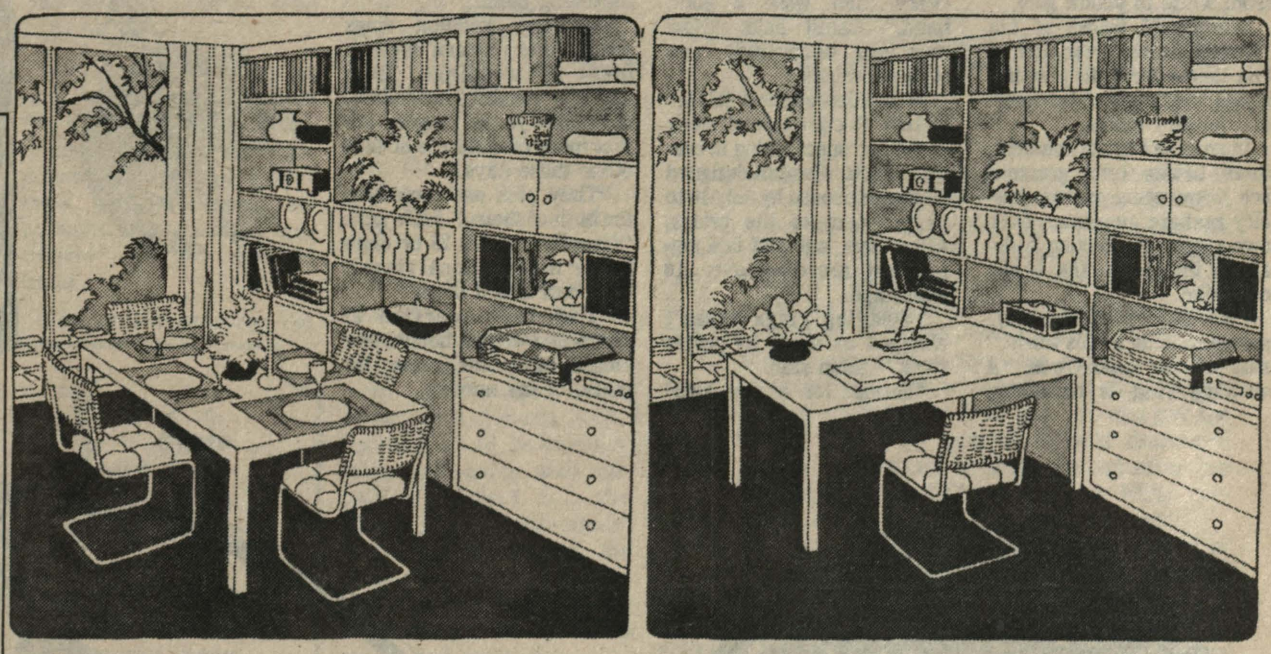
Modular furniture lends itself beautifully to that first apartment, allowing the greatest versatility in arrangement. Modular cushions shape themselves easily to any living room, regardless of its dimension. An added bonus is the fact that such furniture transplants from that first apartment to the couple's first home with just a little rearranging.

Don't limit a room's usefulness with "labels," advise decorators. A small dining area off the living room, for instance, can also serve as a study on an everyday basis, provided you have eating accommodations in your kitchen. Simply place a table at right angles to the wall (where you can also place your bookshelves) add a chair, and you have a handy work area within easy reach of reference books. When company comes, place the table parallel to the wall, add extra chairs and you have a comfortable dining arrangement.

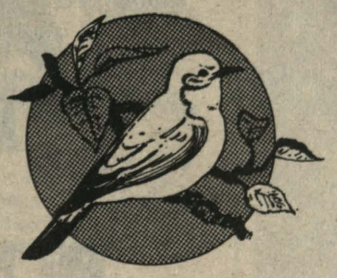
If you're investing in a new sofa, consider a sleeper sofa. It'll enable your living room to double as a guest room when relatives or friends visit.

Wall storage systems offer the greatest versatility of all, serving as bookcases, stereo cabinets, china cupboards, art galleries ... whatever. Ready-made bookcases can also provide multipurpose storage when stacked along walls. These also have the advantage of mobility; they can partition off areas of a room if needed.

Knock-down furniture, so called because it comes apart for easy transporting, is a natural for young couples. These easy-to-assemble units range from shelves to chairs, are the answer to today's need for low-priced, contemporary furniture that goes with you.



YOUNG COUPLE CAN MAKE THE MOST OF LIMITED SPACE in that new home or apartment by letting rooms do double duty, as in this combination dining and office area. By placing table parallel to walls, you can fete company in style, as shown at left. For day-to-day living, use same table as handy desk-work unit.



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A dozen things for two to do offered on 'Honeymoon Island'

HAMILTON, BERMUDA — It's easy to see why Bermuda is often called Honeymoon Island. This tiny, mid-Atlantic chain of coral islands and islets, less than 600 miles east of North Carolina, boasts miles of reef-rimmed beaches with secluded, pink-sanded coves.

Narrow, winding roads are lined by hibiscus and oleander, and the white rooftops of the quaint, pastel-colored cottages gleam in the moonlight.

There are a surprising number of things for two to do on Honeymoon Island. For instance . . .

1. Nature walks for two. Discover your favorite swimming cove during an early-morning walk along the island's south shore from Warwick Long Bay to Horseshoe Bay, or enjoy some bird-watching at Spittal Pond, an exquisite "natural park" in Smith's Parish.

If you are more adventuresome hikers, ask a Bermudian to direct you to the nearest hikeable "tribe roads."

2. Lead a horse to water. Breakfast rides and moonlight rides along sand-dune trails are available from the Warwick Riding School in Warwick Parish.

3. Take a Bermuda buggy ride. Splurge on a buggy tour of Hamilton in a fringed-top-buggy reminiscent of the pre-World War II years when motor vehicles were banned in Bermuda.

4. Play the game of love, or get teed off. There are some 70 tennis courts, plus nine fine golf courses on this 21-mile-long island chain.

5. Be your own skipper. Hire a sailboat and cruise through the more than 100 small islets which dot Bermuda's harbours and sounds. Take along a picnic basket (box lunches obtainable at most cottage colonies and hotels) and have an island (or islet) to yourselves.

6. Go fly a kite — a homemade Bermuda three-stick kite, of course. A Bermudian holds the world's kite-flying endurance record (61 hours, 25 minutes) and welcomes all challenges.

7. Explore china. You may purchase English bone china in Bermuda for substantially less than in North America. Purchases may be shipped home by the store or in some cases delivered to you from the manufacturer's outlet in the U.S.

8. Hop across a harbour. A ferry ride around Hamilton Harbour caps a night on the town — and a daytime ride to Somerset, on the western end of the colony, is an enchanting way to see Bermuda's lovely waterfront homes.

9. Bob for bottles — with snorkel and mask. At John Smith's Bay and Church Bay on the south shore, brightly-colored fish swim among reefs less than 100 feet from shore. And be on the lookout for old, coral-encrusted bottles which are often found close to shore in Bermuda's coves and inlets.

10. Join Henry and his wives for dinner—Elizabethan-style, complete with dagger (no knives and forks), and goblets of claret. On Sunday evenings at the Henry VIII restaurant in Southampton Parish.

11. Go putt-putting on two bicycles built for one. Bermuda's speed limit is 20 m.p.h., and the winding roads are ideal for motorbiking.

Two-on-a-bike is cosier, but unless you're real lightweights you'll have trouble climbing the hills.

And last but not least —

12. Step through a moongate. Tradition has it that a walk through a Bermuda moongate with someone you love guarantees everlasting happiness.

WARWICK PARISH, BERMUDA — A couple walk hand in hand through the surf as the sun sets on a surf-washed South Shore beach. Bermuda boasts dozens of hideaways such as this one, many protected by jagged outcrops of limestone rock and crowned by flowering cacti and Spanish bayonets.

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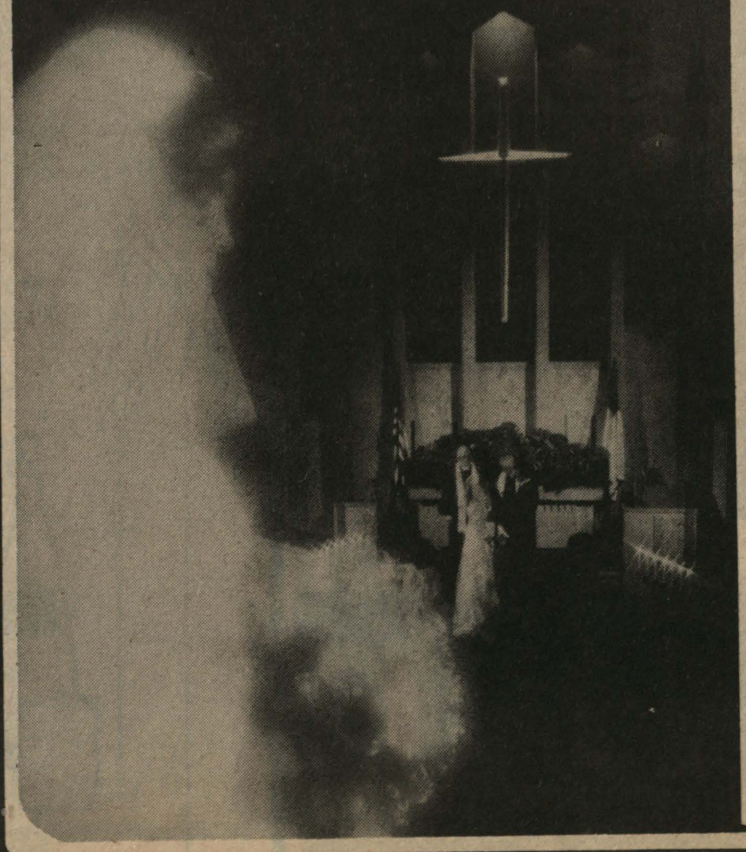

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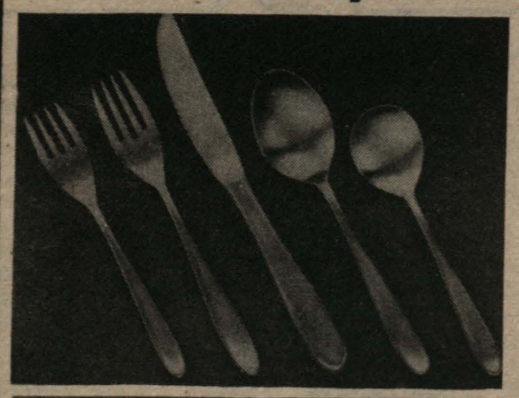

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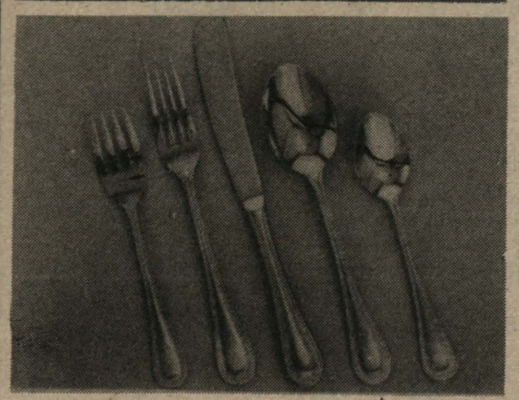

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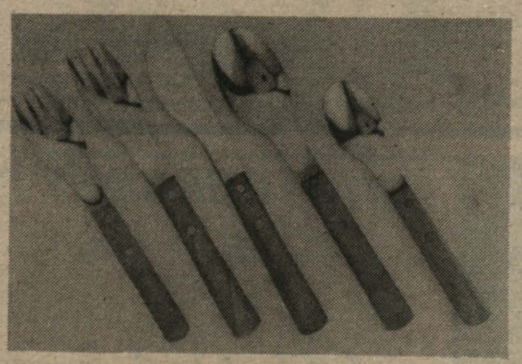

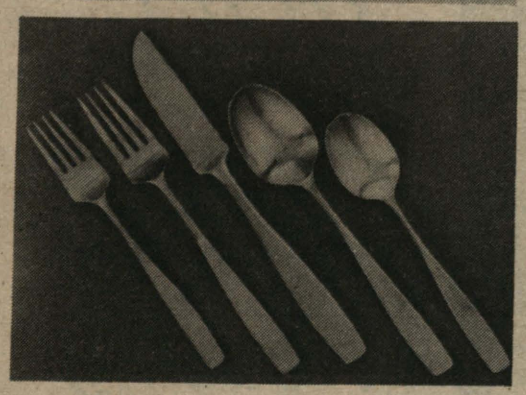

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RX for Spring showers: a gift of diamonds to symbolize love

Spring is the time for renewal: renewal of hope, as well as renewal of tired wardrobes. It's the time for blossoming flowers and blossoming romances.

Spring also contains more gift-giving occasions than any other season — Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations and more weddings than any other time of year (resulting in more anniversaries as well).

The perfect gift for all of Spring's important occasions is a piece of diamond jewelry.

No other gift can better express the loving sentiments associated with these meaningful dates. And no other gift is more appreciated, because diamonds are the traditional symbol of love and affection.

But today's diamond jewelry is appropriate for *any* occasion, not only for special days. Because diamond jewelry is Spring's perfect fashion accessory.

It is bright, sparkling and versatile. And that's because much of today's diamond jewelry contains small diamonds, which lend just the right touch of sparkle to even sporty or tailored clothes.

Small diamonds, because they are far less rare than the larger stones, are much more reasonably priced these days.

So you can afford to give someone you love a piece of diamond jewelry for any meaningful occasion. Or, for no occasion at all, but just to bring a little sunshine into a showery Spring day.

WHETHER IT'S FOR AN IMPORTANT CELEBRATION, or just to say "I love you" on a showery Spring day, this diamond jewelry makes any occasion special. M & J Savitt designed this "today" jewelry using small diamonds, making for affordable price tags. The circle pavé bangle, the interlocking gold and diamond-pavé ring set, and the diamond "buckle" ring are perfect daytime accompaniments to this tailored Spring ensemble.

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"Don't be afraid that fine china and crystal are too delicate. Most people are unaware how strong and practical they are — as well as lovely — to be enjoyed daily."

One example is "Celebration," the sparkling new Lenox collection of heavy, hand-cut, hand-blown crystal. As with all Lenox fine crystal, it is safe in dishwashers, with mild detergents.

"The designers created five styles which are distinctly individual, yet complement many of today's most popular fine china patterns, so you can coordinate your own setting," he explains.

As one of the oldest and most important American makers of fine china, Lenox — used in the White House since 1917 — knows that a great deal of care goes into a woman's selection of the fine china and crystal for her home. Designer Solt offers some helpful suggestions:

- The bride-to-be should register her tableware choices at her favorite store's Wedding Gift Registry, so family and friends will know what she really wants and will use . . . and there will be no duplications.
- At the same time, she should coordinate her china and crystal pattern when she registers. This is the best time to create her own look.
- When shopping for crystal, look for clarity, brilliance, and a clear, bell-like tone when struck.
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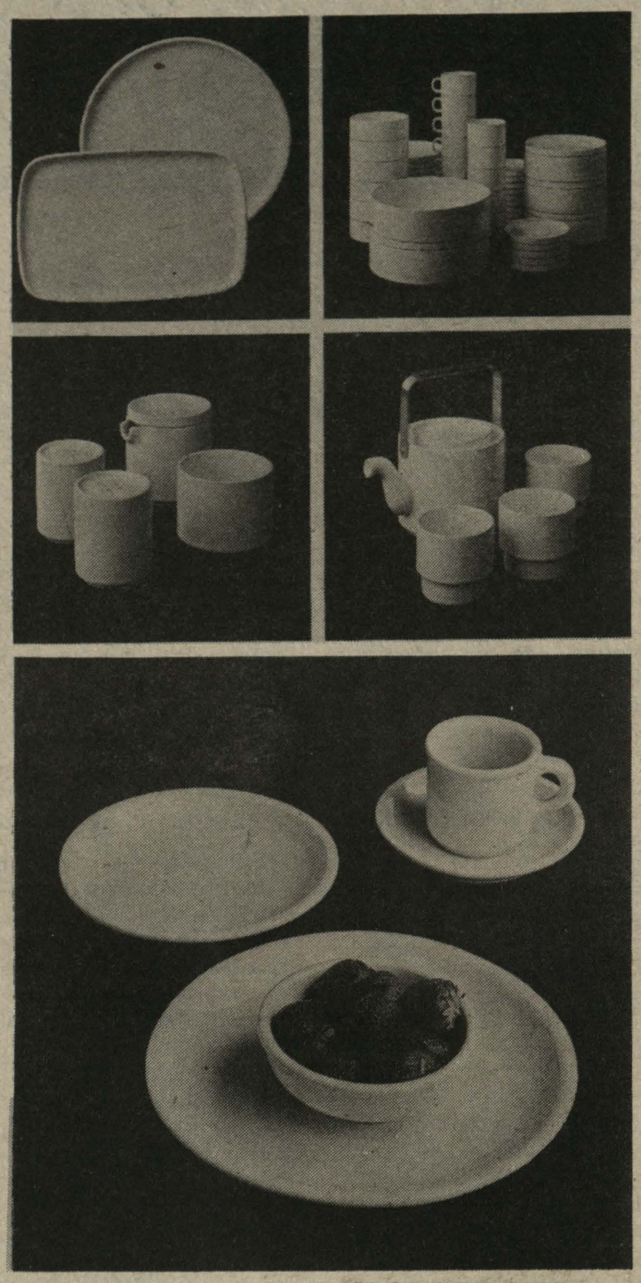

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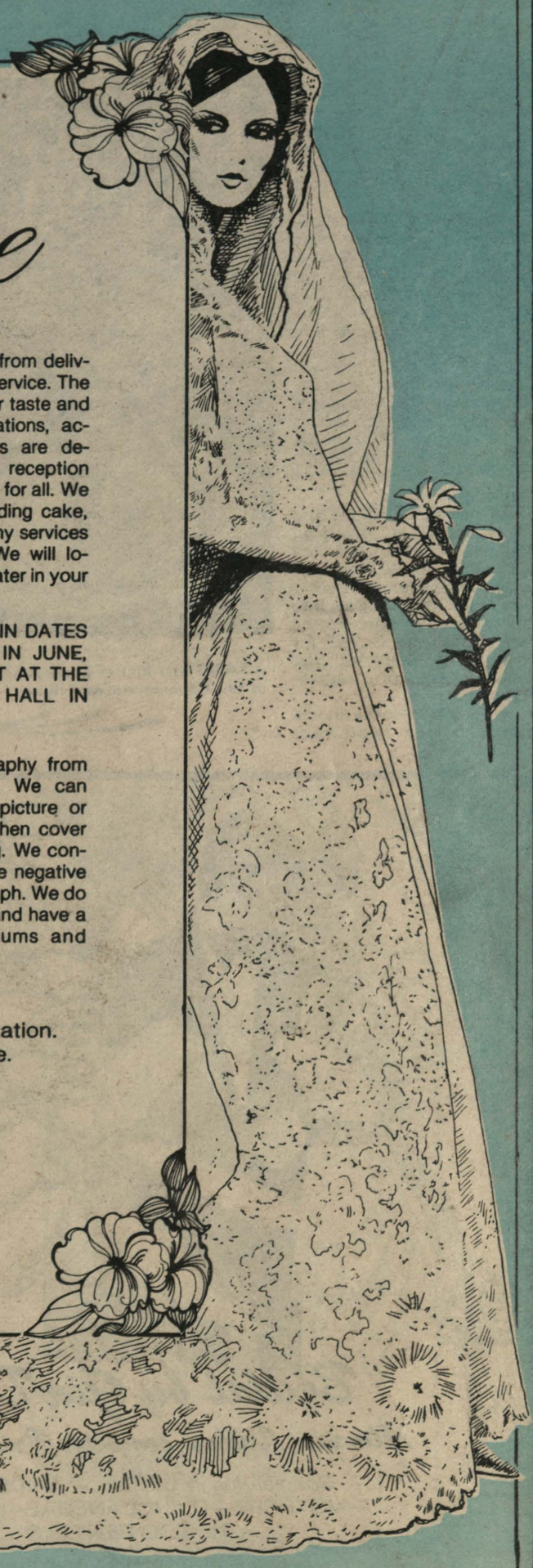

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